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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT,  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA,  
WESTERN DIVISION

HECTOR MARTINEZ,

Plaintiff,

v.

PENTAGROUP FINANCIAL, LLC.,

Defendant.

Case No. **CV 10-01631-MAN**

**COMPLAINT AND DEMAND FOR  
JURY TRIAL**

**(Unlawful Debt Collection Practices)**

**VERIFIED COMPLAINT**

HECTOR MARTINEZ (Plaintiff), by his attorneys, KROHN & MOSS,  
LTD., alleges the following against PENTAGROUP FINANCIAL, LLC.  
(Defendant):

**INTRODUCTION**

1. Count I of Plaintiff's Complaint is based on the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, *15 U.S.C. 1692 et seq.* (FDCPA).
2. Count II of the Plaintiff's Complaint is based on Rosenthal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, *Cal. Civ. Code §1788 et seq.* (RFDCPA).
3. Defendant acted through its agents, employees, officers, members, directors, heirs, successors, assigns, principals, trustees, sureties, subrogees, representatives, insurers, and attorneys.

**JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

4. Jurisdiction of this court arises pursuant to *15 U.S.C. 1692k(d)*, which states that such actions may be brought and heard before “any appropriate United States district court without regard to the amount in controversy,” and *28 U.S.C. 1367* grants this court supplemental jurisdiction over the state claims contained therein.
5. Defendant conducts business in the state of California, and therefore, personal jurisdiction is established.
6. Venue is proper pursuant to *28 U.S.C. 1391(b)(2)*.
7. Declaratory relief is available pursuant to *28 U.S.C. 2201 and 2202*.

**PARTIES**

8. Plaintiff is a natural person residing in La Puente, Los Angeles County, California.
9. Plaintiff is a consumer as that term is defined by *15 U.S.C. 1692a(3)* and Defendant is attempting to collect a debt by communicating with Plaintiff as that term is defined by *15 U.S.C. 1692a(5)* and *Cal. Civ. Code § 1788.2(h)*.
10. Defendant is a debt collector as that term is defined by *15 U.S.C. 1692a(6)* and *Cal. Civ. Code § 1788.2(c)*, and sought to collect a consumer debt by contacting Plaintiff.
11. Defendant is a national company primarily located in Houston, Texas.
12. Defendant acted through its agents, employees, officers, members, directors, heirs, successors, assigns, principals, trustees, sureties, subrogees, representatives, and insurers.

**FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

13. Defendant constantly and continuously placed collection calls to Plaintiff seeking and demanding payment for an alleged debt.
14. Defendant placed calls to Plaintiff's home phone and cell phone.
15. When Plaintiff called Defendant back to inquire about the calls, Defendant asked Plaintiff for his phone number, and then hung up on Plaintiff.
16. Defendant called Plaintiff from (434)533-9044.
17. Defendant did not identify itself in subsequent communications.
18. Defendant has not sent a debt validation letter to Plaintiff.

**COUNT I**  
**DEFENDANT VIOLATED THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT**

19. Defendant violated the FDCPA based on the following:
- a. Defendant violated §1692d of the FDCPA by engaging in conduct of which the natural result is the abuse and harassment of the Plaintiff.
  - b. Defendant violated §1692d(5) of the FDCPA by causing a telephone to ring repeatedly and continuously with intent to annoy, abuse, or harass any person at the called number.
  - c. Defendant violated §1692e of the FDCPA by using false, deceptive and/or misleading representation or means in connection with the collection of a debt.
  - d. Defendant violated §1692e(10) of the FDCPA by using deceptive means in an attempt to collect a debt by communicating with Plaintiff in an attempt to collect upon an alleged debt without providing written validation as requested by Plaintiff.
  - e. Defendant violated §1692e(11) of the FDCPA by failing to disclose

1 in subsequent communications that the communication was from a  
2 debt collector.

- 3 f. Defendant violated §1692g(1-5) of the FDCPA by failing to provide  
4 appropriate notice of the debt within 5 days after the initial  
5 communication including: (1) the amount of the debt; (2) the name of  
6 the creditor to whom the debt is owed; (3) a statement that unless the  
7 consumer, within 30 days after receipt of the notice, disputes the  
8 validity of the debt, or any portion thereof, the debt will be assumed  
9 to be valid by the debt collector; (4) a statement that if the consumer  
10 notifies the debt collector in writing within the 30-day period that the  
11 debt, or any portion thereof, is disputed, the debt collector will obtain  
12 verification of the debt or a copy of a judgment against the consumer  
13 and a copy of such verification or judgment will be mailed to the  
14 consumer by the debt collector; and (5) a statement that, upon the  
15 consumer's written request within the 30-day period, the debt  
16 collector will provide the consumer with the name and address of the  
17 original creditor, if different from the current creditor.

18 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, HECTOR MARTINEZ, respectfully requests  
19 judgment be entered against Defendant, PENTAGROUP FINANCIAL, LLC., for  
20 the following:

21 20.Declaratory judgment that Defendant's conduct violated the Fair Debt  
22 Collection Practices Act,

23 21.Statutory damages of \$1000.00 pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection  
24 Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. 1692k,

25 22.Actual damages,

23. Costs and reasonable attorneys' fees pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, *15 U.S.C. 1692k*

24. Any other relief that this Honorable Court deems appropriate.

**COUNT II**  
**DEFENDANT VIOLATED THE ROSENTHAL FAIR DEBT**  
**COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT**

25. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges all of the allegations in Count I of Plaintiff's Complaint as the allegations in Count II of Plaintiff's Complaint.

26. Defendant violated the RFDCPA based on the following:

- a. Defendant violated the §1788.17 of the RFDCPA by continuously failing to comply with the statutory regulations contained within the FDCPA, *15 U.S.C. § 1692 et seq.*

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, HECTOR MARTINEZ, respectfully request judgment be entered against Defendant, PENTAGROUP FINANCIAL, LLC., for the following:

27. Declaratory judgment that Defendant's conduct violated the Rosenthal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act,

28. Statutory damages of \$1000.00 pursuant to the Rosenthal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, *Cal. Civ. Code §1788.30(b)*,

29. Actual damages,

30. Costs and reasonable attorneys' fees pursuant to the Rosenthal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, *Cal. Civ Code § 1788.30(c)*, and

31. Any other relief that this Honorable Court deems appropriate.

**DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Plaintiff, HECTOR MARTINEZ, demands a jury trial in this cause of action.

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2 DATED: March 2, 2010

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

KROHN & MOSS, LTD.

3 By: 

4 Nicholas J. Bontrager  
5 Attorney for Plaintiff  
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**VERIFICATION OF COMPLAINT AND CERTIFICATION**

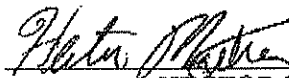
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Plaintiffs, HECTOR MARTINEZ, state as follows:

1. I am the Plaintiff in this civil proceeding.
2. I have read the above-entitled civil Complaint prepared by my attorneys and I believe that all of the facts contained in it are true, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief formed after reasonable inquiry.
3. I believe that this civil Complaint is well grounded in fact and warranted by existing law or by a good faith argument for the extension, modification or reversal of existing law.
4. I believe that this civil Complaint is not interposed for any improper purpose, such as to harass any Defendant, cause unnecessary delay to any Defendant, or create a needless increase in the cost of litigation to any Defendant, named in the Complaint.
5. I have filed this Complaint in good faith and solely for the purposes set forth in it.
6. Each and every exhibit I have provided to my attorneys which has been attached to this Complaint is a true and correct copy of the original.
7. Except for clearly indicated redactions made by my attorneys where appropriate, I have not altered, changed, modified or fabricated these exhibits, except that some of the attached exhibits may contain some of my own handwritten notations.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746(2), I, HECTOR MARTINEZ, hereby declare (or certify, verify or state) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

DATE: 2-18-10



HECTOR MARTINEZ



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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NOTICE TO COUNSEL  
(MAGISTRATE JUDGE CIVIL CONSENT PILOT PROJECT)

*The court has directed that the following rules be specifically called to your attention:*

- I. Notice of Right to Consent to Disposition of a Civil Case by a United States Magistrate Judge [28 U.S.C. § 636(c) and General Order 08-09].
- II. Continuing Obligation to Report Related Cases (Local Rule 83-1.3.3)
- III. Service of Papers and Process (Local Rule 4)

**I. NOTICE OF RIGHT TO CONSENT TO DISPOSITION OF A CIVIL CASE BY A UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE**

*Pursuant to Local Rule 73-2, the initiating party must serve this notice and consent form CV-11C on each party at the time of service of the summons and complaint or other initial pleading.*

This case has been randomly assigned to Magistrate Judge Nagle under the Civil Consent Pilot Project in accordance with General Order 08-09. The case number on all documents filed with the court should read as follows: 2:10-CV-01631-MAN

The parties are advised that they may consent to have the assigned magistrate judge conduct all further proceedings in the case, including trial and final entry of judgment pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c) and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 73. The parties may consent to proceed only before the assigned magistrate judge.

The parties are further advised that they are free to withhold consent without adverse substantive consequences. If the parties agree to the exercise of jurisdiction by the magistrate judge, the parties shall jointly or separately file a statement of consent setting forth such election. For cases originally filed in district court and initially assigned only to a magistrate judge, the statement of consent shall be filed within 30 days after service of the summons and complaint upon that defendant, and within 30 days by plaintiff after service upon the first-served defendant.

For cases removed from state court and initially assigned only to a magistrate judge, a joint or separate statements of consent shall be filed by plaintiff and all defendants upon whom service has been effected, within 11 days after the notice of removal is filed.

Since magistrate judges do not handle felony criminal trials, civil trial dates are not at risk of being preempted by a felony criminal trial, which normally has priority. Further, in some cases, the magistrate judge may be able to assign an earlier trial date than a district judge. There may be other advantages or disadvantages which you will want to consider.

Any appeal from a judgment of the magistrate judge shall be taken to the United States Court of Appeals in the same manner as an appeal from any other judgment of the district court in accordance with 28 U.S.C. §636(c)(3).

If a party has not consented to the exercise of jurisdiction by the magistrate judge within the time



NAME, ADDRESS & TELEPHONE NUMBER OF ATTORNEY(S) FOR, OR, PLAINTIFF  
OR DEFENDANT IF PLAINTIFF OR DEFENDANT IS PRO PER

ATTORNEYS FOR:

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**STATEMENT OF CONSENT TO PROCEED BEFORE A  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
(For use in Magistrate Judge  
Civil Consent Pilot Project Cases only)**

**THIS FORM SHALL BE USED ONLY FOR CASES IN WHICH A MAGISTRATE JUDGE IS  
INITIALLY ASSIGNED PURSUANT TO LOCAL RULE 73-2**

All parties to the above-captioned civil matter are to check one of the two following options and file this document with the Clerk's Office:

- ☐ In accordance with the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 636(C) and F.R.Civ.P.73(b), the party or parties listed below to the above-captioned civil matter hereby waive their right to proceed before a District Judge and Consent to have the assigned Magistrate Judge Margaret A. Nagle conduct all further proceedings in the case, including trial and entry of final judgment.

Any appeal from a judgment of the assigned Magistrate Judge shall be taken to the United States Court of Appeals in the same manner as an appeal from any other judgment of the District Court in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(c)(3).

- ☐ The party or parties listed below to the above-captioned civil matter Do Not Consent to proceed before the assigned Magistrate Judge Margaret A. Nagle.

The party or parties listed below acknowledge that they are free to withhold consent without adverse substantive consequences.

Name of Counsel (OR Party if Pro Per)

Signature and date

Counsel for (Name Parties)

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- ☐ Check this box if all parties have consented to proceed before the assigned Magistrate Judge.

**NOTICE TO COUNSEL FROM CLERK**

All parties having consented to proceed before the assigned magistrate judge, this case will remain assigned to United States Magistrate Judge Margaret A. Nagle for all further proceedings.

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DEFENDANT(S).

CASE NUMBER

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SUMMONS

TO: DEFENDANT(S): PENTAGROUP FINANCIAL, LLC.

A lawsuit has been filed against you.

Within 21 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it), you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached ☒ complaint ☐ amended complaint ☐ counterclaim ☐ cross-claim or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff's attorney, Nicholas J. Bontrager, whose address is Krohn & Moss, Ltd.; 10474 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 401; Los Angeles, CA 90025. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court.

Dated: 5 MAR 2010

Clerk, U.S. District Court

By:

MARILYN DAVIS

Deputy Clerk

(Seal of the Court)

[Use 60 days if the defendant is the United States or a United States agency, or is an officer or employee of the United States. Allowed 60 days by Rule 12(a)(3)].

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**  
**CIVIL COVER SHEET**

<b>I (a) PLAINTIFFS</b> (Check box if you are representing yourself <input type="checkbox"/> ) HECTOR MARTINEZ	<b>DEFENDANTS</b> PENTAGROUP FINANCIAL, LLC.
<b>(b) Attorneys</b> (Firm Name, Address and Telephone Number. If you are representing yourself, provide same.)  Krohn & Moss, Ltd.; Nicholas J. Bontrager, Esq. 10474 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 401; Los Angeles, CA 90025 (323) 988-2400	Attorneys (If Known)

<b>II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION</b> (Place an X in one box only.)  <input type="checkbox"/> 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)  <input type="checkbox"/> 2 U.S. Government Defendant <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)	<b>III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES - For Diversity Cases Only</b> (Place an X in one box for plaintiff and one for defendant.) <table style="width:100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width:33%; border: none;">Citizen of This State</td> <td style="width:33%; border: none;"> <table style="width:100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width:10%; text-align: center;"><b>PTF</b></td> <td style="width:10%; text-align: center;"><b>DEF</b></td> <td style="width:80%; border: none;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> 1</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> 1</td> <td style="border: none;">Incorporated or Principal Place of Business in this State</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> 2</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> 2</td> <td style="border: none;">Incorporated and Principal Place of Business in Another State</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> 3</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> 3</td> <td style="border: none;">Foreign Nation</td> </tr> </table> </td> <td style="width:33%; border: none;"> <table style="width:100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width:10%; text-align: center;"><b>PTF</b></td> <td style="width:10%; text-align: center;"><b>DEF</b></td> <td style="width:80%; border: none;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> 4</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> 4</td> <td style="border: none;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> 5</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> 5</td> <td style="border: none;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> 6</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> 6</td> <td style="border: none;"></td> </tr> </table> </td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;">Citizen of Another State</td> <td style="border: none;"></td> <td style="border: none;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;">Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country</td> <td style="border: none;"></td> <td style="border: none;"></td> </tr> </table>	Citizen of This State	<table style="width:100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width:10%; text-align: center;"><b>PTF</b></td> <td style="width:10%; text-align: center;"><b>DEF</b></td> <td style="width:80%; border: none;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> 1</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> 1</td> <td style="border: none;">Incorporated or Principal Place of Business in this State</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> 2</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> 2</td> <td style="border: none;">Incorporated and Principal Place of Business in Another State</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> 3</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> 3</td> <td style="border: none;">Foreign Nation</td> </tr> </table>	<b>PTF</b>	<b>DEF</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	Incorporated or Principal Place of Business in this State	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	Incorporated and Principal Place of Business in Another State	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	Foreign Nation	<table style="width:100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width:10%; text-align: center;"><b>PTF</b></td> <td style="width:10%; text-align: center;"><b>DEF</b></td> <td style="width:80%; border: none;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> 4</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> 4</td> <td style="border: none;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> 5</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> 5</td> <td style="border: none;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> 6</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> 6</td> <td style="border: none;"></td> </tr> </table>	<b>PTF</b>	<b>DEF</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 4		<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 5		<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 6		Citizen of Another State			Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country		
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**IV. ORIGIN** (Place an X in one box only.)

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 ☐ 2 Removed from State Court   
 ☐ 3 Remanded from Appellate Court   
 ☐ 4 Reinstated or Reopened   
 ☐ 5 Transferred from another district (specify):   
 ☐ 6 Multi-District Litigation   
 ☐ 7 Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judge

**V. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT: JURY DEMAND:** ☒ Yes    ☐ No (Check 'Yes' only if demanded in complaint.)

**CLASS ACTION under F.R.C.P. 23:** ☐ Yes    ☒ No    **MONEY DEMANDED IN COMPLAINT: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**VI. CAUSE OF ACTION** (Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing and write a brief statement of cause. Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.)  
 15 USC 1692 et seq.; Unlawful and Abusive Debt Collection Practices

**VII. NATURE OF SUIT** (Place an X in one box only.)

<b>OTHER STATUTES</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 400 State Reapportionment <input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust <input type="checkbox"/> 430 Banks and Banking <input type="checkbox"/> 450 Commerce/ICC Rates/etc. <input type="checkbox"/> 460 Deportation <input type="checkbox"/> 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 480 Consumer Credit <input type="checkbox"/> 490 Cable/Sat TV <input type="checkbox"/> 810 Selective Service <input type="checkbox"/> 850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange <input type="checkbox"/> 875 Customer Challenge 12 USC 3410 <input type="checkbox"/> 890 Other Statutory Actions <input type="checkbox"/> 891 Agricultural Act <input type="checkbox"/> 892 Economic Stabilization Act <input type="checkbox"/> 893 Environmental Matters <input type="checkbox"/> 894 Energy Allocation Act <input type="checkbox"/> 895 Freedom of Info. 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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**  
**CIVIL COVER SHEET**

**VIII(a). IDENTICAL CASES:** Has this action been previously filed in this court and dismissed, remanded or closed? ☒ No ☐ Yes

If yes, list case number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**VIII(b). RELATED CASES:** Have any cases been previously filed in this court that are related to the present case? ☒ No ☐ Yes

If yes, list case number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Civil cases are deemed related if a previously filed case and the present case:**

- (Check all boxes that apply) ☐ A. Arise from the same or closely related transactions, happenings, or events; or  
☐ B. Call for determination of the same or substantially related or similar questions of law and fact; or  
☐ C. For other reasons would entail substantial duplication of labor if heard by different judges; or  
☐ D. Involve the same patent, trademark or copyright, and one of the factors identified above in a, b or c also is present.

**IX. VENUE:** (When completing the following information, use an additional sheet if necessary.)

- (a) List the County in this District; California County outside of this District; State if other than California; or Foreign Country, in which **EACH** named plaintiff resides.  
☐ Check here if the government, its agencies or employees is a named plaintiff. If this box is checked, go to item (b).

County in this District:*	California County outside of this District; State, if other than California; or Foreign Country
Los Angeles (CA)	

- (b) List the County in this District; California County outside of this District; State if other than California; or Foreign Country, in which **EACH** named defendant resides.  
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County in this District:*	California County outside of this District; State, if other than California; or Foreign Country
	Harris (TX)

- (c) List the County in this District; California County outside of this District; State if other than California; or Foreign Country, in which **EACH** claim arose.

**Note: In land condemnation cases, use the location of the tract of land involved.**

County in this District:*	California County outside of this District; State, if other than California; or Foreign Country
Los Angeles (CA)	

\* Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, Ventura, Santa Barbara, or San Luis Obispo Counties

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X. SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY (OR PRO PER):  Date March 2, 2010

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**Key to Statistical codes relating to Social Security Cases:**

Nature of Suit Code	Abbreviation	Substantive Statement of Cause of Action
861	HIA	All claims for health insurance benefits (Medicare) under Title 18, Part A, of the Social Security Act, as amended. Also, include claims by hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, etc., for certification as providers of services under the program. (42 U.S.C. 1935FF(b))
862	BL	All claims for "Black Lung" benefits under Title 4, Part B, of the Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969. (30 U.S.C. 923)
863	DIWC	All claims filed by insured workers for disability insurance benefits under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended; plus all claims filed for child's insurance benefits based on disability. (42 U.S.C. 405(g))
863	DIWW	All claims filed for widows or widowers insurance benefits based on disability under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended. (42 U.S.C. 405(g))
864	SSID	All claims for supplemental security income payments based upon disability filed under Title 16 of the Social Security Act, as amended.
865	RSI	All claims for retirement (old age) and survivors benefits under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended. (42 U.S.C. (g))